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ASK EPA!!

Questions and Answers about
Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q: Is there a document that describes in detail which properties EPA cleans up?

A: Yes. On December 15, 2003 EPA sent a Technical Memorandum called "Residential/Commercial Cleanup Action Levels and Clearance Criteria" to the EPA Information Center in Libby. EPA invites you to read it and provide any comments you may have on it to EPA.

This document provides specific information about Libby asbestos "action levels" that will be used for determining which properties or situations require an emergency response cleanup. It also provides specific information regarding Libby asbestos "clearance criteria" that will be used to determine when such a cleanup is complete.

The document's appendix contains risk calculations that EPA developed to help show the relationship between asbestos in site media (EG: soil or attic insulation) and the health risk it poses to residents.

You may submit comments the following ways:

1. send comments to Jim Christiansen at the EPA Information Center
2. send comments to the Libby Area Technical Assistance Group (TAG) Administrator at P.O. Box 53, Libby, MT 59923. The TAG will consolidate comments and submit them to EPA
3. e-mail comments to Christiansen.Jim@epa.gov

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